

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARLENA LATIF,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING, CARYN  
RESNICK, SAL RULLAN, KAMLESH  
PATEL, JACK RIZZO, JOHN DOE(S) and  
JANE DOE(S)(names currently unknown) each  
in his/her official and individual capacities,

Defendants.

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JIMMY EKPE,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING, CARYN  
RESNICK, SAL RULLAN, KAMLESH  
PATEL, JACK RIZZO, JOHN DOE(S) and  
JANE DOE(S)(names currently unknown) each  
in his/her official and individual capacities,

Defendants.

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EDDY TOUSSAINT,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, THE DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE AGING, CARYN RESNICK, SAL  
RULLAN, JACK RIZZO, JOHN DOE(S) and  
JANE DOE(S) (names currently unknown), each in  
his/her official and individual capacities,

Defendants.

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20 Civ. 8248 (AT)

20 Civ. 9143 (AT)

19 Civ. 1239

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

The Court has reviewed letters from Plaintiffs' counsel, Zachary Gaynor, in the above-captioned cases, filed on January 5, 2022, requesting to be relieved as counsel and seeking a stay of these matters until Plaintiffs identify and obtain new counsel. No. 20 Civ. 9143, ECF No. 78; No. 20 Civ. 8248, ECF No. 81; No. 19 Civ. 1239, ECF No. 126. **The Court shall not permit Mr. Gaynor to withdraw as counsel of record without ensuring his clients' interests are adequately represented.**

Accordingly, on **January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**, Mr. Gaynor, and Plaintiffs Jimmy Ekpe, Marlena Latif, and Eddy Toussaint are directed to appear before the Court for a conference to discuss Mr. Gaynor's conduct in this matter, and whether a stay is warranted. The hearing shall proceed via the Court's videoconferencing system, and Chambers will provide the parties with information on how to appear. Mr. Gaynor is responsible for ensuring his clients' appearance at the conference. Given that this discussion is likely to touch on privileged issues, counsel for Defendant, the City of New York, **should not attend.**

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 6, 2022  
New York, New York



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ANALISA TORRES  
United States District Judge